

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No.68896

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: <u>BALL-AND-SOCKET</u> <u>JOINT</u>

the specificati	on of which		
(Check one)	[] is attached hereto.		
	[X] was filed as PCT international application		
	Number <u>PCT/DE00/00669</u>		
**	on March 7, 2000	-8-	
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

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(Number)

Germany
(Country)

Priority Claimed

17/March/1999
YES

(Day/Month/Year filed)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States

application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code 112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Date: January 8, 2001

File No.: 68896 ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Olaf ABELS, Klaus BRÖKER residing respectively at: Am Appelhügel 28, 49191 Belm, Germany, Lerchenstrasse 7, 49163 Bohmte-Hunteburg, Germany have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled: *BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT*

AND WHEREAS, ZF Lemforder Metallwaren AG with a principal place of business at: Dr.-Jürgen-Ulderup-Strasse 7, 32351 Stemwede-Dielingen, GERMANY, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee) is desirous of acquiring an interest therein-and-in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States.

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